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SUBJECT: DASD Jones Southeast Asia Trip Report, 30 Nov - 11 Dec 99
--INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

PURPOSE: Update Southeast Asian governments on U.S. accounting efforts and increase cooperation in key accounting areas.

DISCUSSIONS IN VIETNAM: Meetings were held with Ambassador Peterson and DCM Dennis Harter; Mr. Nguyen Manh Hung, Director of the Americas Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; LTG Tran Hanh, Vice-Minister, Ministry of National Defense; and Mr. Huong, General Director for Security, Ministry of Security. The following points were discussed:

1. **FLOOD VICTIMS & U.S. ASSISTANCE:** DASD began each meeting with an expression of concern for the victims of the recent floods and for the severe damage to the country's central region. All three ministers expressed appreciation for the humanitarian support provided by the U.S. and especially the presence of Ambassador Peterson who visited the devastated sites. In addition, they expressed pleasure with the speed of the USG assistance delivery.
2. **VIETNAMESE ARCHIVAL RESEARCH IN THE U.S. INITIATIVE:** DASD recounted the success of this initiative with all ministers. All ministers expressed their government's appreciation for the U.S. assistance. The Vietnamese requested assistance in training their forensic scientists to ID their war dead. DASD indicated a willingness to review the possibility of establishing a program but stressed the need for a scientific and technical agreement.
3. **RESEARCH INVESTIGATIVE TEAM (RIT):** DASD discussed the initiative to improve the effectiveness of the RIT's pursuit of unilateral investigations that came out of the 1998 Dalat talks. The proposal was staffed through the interagency community and approved for implementation. The DASD expressed the hope that we



can use the Stony Beach investigators to full effect. DASD requested that he be updated on the effectiveness of the changes.

4. **ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM (OHP):** DASD raised the need to re-energize the OHP efforts in Vietnam noting that the program has slipped recently and lacked attention. He reiterated the statements of the Vice Minister of Defense that more young military analysts were going to be introduced to the process in order that they be mentored by the current senior team leaders. DASD expressed a desire to increase the emphasis on the B-3 front. He passed to each of the ministers a list of proposed witnesses and new information. The ministers agreed that the program was very important and they would lend their full support to insuring that it continued successfully. They did provide a caution that older veterans were becoming more reluctant to answer the same questions over and over again. They stated that this issue should be further pursued at the technical level in future technical talks (next one scheduled for 20 Jan '00). In addition, the ministers requested that the U.S. provide insurance for trilateral witnesses and a mechanism to pay citizens for services rendered that lead to remains identifications. The Joint Task Force is working both of these issues at the technical level.
5. **MULTINATIONAL CONFERENCE:** In response to the DASD's talking point on this issue all three ministers reaffirmed that there was no need for discussion of policy-level issues, however, cooperation on all bilateral and trilateral operations would continue. DASD stated that the same sentiment was expressed within the U.S. interagency policy community that there must be continued talks at the technical and operational level with the Southeast Asian governments.
6. **LAST KNOWN ALIVE (LKA) MEETINGS:** DASD stated that the past two LKA meetings in Hanoi were very successful and a move in the right direction, but that more work remained. Mr. Hung, MFA, stated that everyone is aware that these cases are our most difficult and that in order for this program to move forward successfully that new, fresh thinking was required on both sides. He felt that it was imperative that our specialists continue to pursue these important cases.
7. **REMAINS STUDY:** DASD thanked the ministers for their strong support in assisting DPMO during the conduct of this study. DASD suggested that our specialists continue to work together to resolve the few remaining unanswered questions and requested that the Vietnamese propose a date for future discussions.
8. **LIVE SIGHTING INVESTIGATIONS (LSIs):** DASD stated that the LSIs remain our highest priority and that both governments must continue to work closely together. Mr. Hung, MFA, stated that will continue to fully support this endeavor, but asked that the U.S. carefully screen the credibility of these reports prior to launching an investigation. He stated that many false reports had been generated over the years that wasted valuable time and resources. Mr. Huong, MPS, expressed the need for a joint screening process to cast out those reports that are not credible. All three ministers reaffirmed that there were no live POW/MIAs being held in Vietnam.

9. **UNILATERAL EFFORTS:** DASD discussed the Vietnamese Office for Seeking Missing Persons (VNOSMP) unilateral efforts and the establishment of a Special Research Cell. The VNOSMP has developed a pilot program to train younger less-experienced analysts with experienced analysts. The desired result of this program is to place more trained analysts in the field to pursue the backlog of unilateral investigative leads. This program will begin during the next unilateral period (late Dec '99 thru late Jan '00) and will pursue approximately 45 of 300 backlogged cases.
10. **WORLD WAR TWO CASES:** DASD expressed appreciation for the support of the Vietnamese government on the investigation of two World War cases that have received considerable congressional interest in recent months.
11. **THE FUTURE OF THE ACCOUNTING EFFORT IN VIETNAM:** Mr. Hung, MFA, closed his remarks by candidly asking DASD Jones what he thought the future of the accounting program was. DASD responded by reviewing several of DPMO's on-going initiatives such as the Mission Area Analysis. Mr. Hung stated that his government would continue to provide the same level of support for accomplishment of the fullest possible accounting. Mr. Huong, MPS, expressed the need to move towards the end of the search for the MIAs and recommended that 2 years should be the target. He stated that U.S. spokesman had indicated the process was retreating to the levels of 1990 or '91. The DASD stated the USG position on recovering those left behind. He agreed with the ministers that we must work jointly to improve operational effectiveness.
12. **AGENT ORANGE:** Mr. Hung stated that the Vietnamese government would appreciate the USG's assistance on Agent Orange related issues. DASD Jones reiterated that although he was not responsible for this issue that he would bring their concerns to the appropriate government agency. Mr. Jones told Mr. Hung that DPMO had supplied the SRV Archival Research Team with briefings and books on Agent Orange and assisted in their research of the issue while at College Park, MD.
13. **STRATEGIC PLAN:** Ms. Nasarenko briefed Ambassador Peterson, DCM Dennis Harter and DATT LTC Miller on DPMO's Strategic Plan. The overall presentation and strategic plan concept were well received. Ambassador Peterson stated that this plan really needed to be pushed by agencies external to DoD. He also asked how serious DoD was in implementing this plan and asked how well the Policy community had received it. The Ambassador stated that this plan must be carefully packaged and that we not try to sell it on the basis of cost savings and efficiencies exclusively. Peterson also stated that he had clearly seen the positive impact of DPMO's Outreach Plan, but added that there was still much to do. He recommended that DoD produce a Fullest Accounting video for distribution to the Congress, family and veterans organizations and the American public.
14. **CASE RESOLUTION POLICY:** Ambassador Peterson stated that this draft policy was a great idea, but that the Service secretaries must be included in this program as

early as possible. He offered to personally address each Service secretary to assist in our cause because he felt that this policy was a big step in the right direction.

15. **VIETNAMESE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE:** LTG Hanh, MND, requested technical assistance to train Vietnamese Forensic scientists. DASD Jones emphasized the need for a Science and Technology agreement between the two countries.
16. **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY:** DASD hosted a dinner for members of the SRV National Assembly. This was a very cordial meeting that covered the following items: UXO programs, flooding and health assessment, Agent Orange, Oral History program, veteran-to-veteran meetings, SRV archival research and follow-on meetings and the importance of the continued accounting effort. Mr. Hong stated that the Vietnamese government was planning the construction of Highway 14, which will follow the Ho Chi Minh Trail. He requested mapping assistance for this endeavor. The DASD urged the National Assembly to move forward with the signing of the Science and Technology Agreement in order to make progress on Agent Orange issues. Mr. Jones asked Chairman Tai to support the signing of a Civil Air Agreement.
17. **VISIT TO AIR DEFENSE AND TRUONG SON (HO CHI MINH TRAIL) MUSEUMS.** DASD Jones and his delegation were invited to visit these two museums that are located in/nearby Hanoi. Our Vietnamese escorts remarked that Mr. Jones was the highest-ranking U.S. DoD representative to visit these museums. In both museums the DASD asked whether our U.S. specialists had accessed the archived Vietnamese battle records that were used in developing the museum. He further asked for access to all shootdown records and any new artifacts and information that they may have accumulated in the building of the museums. The Vietnamese escorts and museum directors replied that all of the data that they used in the construction of both have been accessed by U.S. specialists. The Truong Son (Ho Chi Minh Trail) Museum was opened in April 1999 and is reported to contain 10,000 artifacts. This museum was professionally done and demonstrated the wartime role of the engineers who constructed and maintained the trail. There were a few exhibits at the end of this tour that highlighted the engineer's current peacetime role in major construction projects. A lighted diorama of the trail(s) was especially well done and clearly depicted its intricacy throughout Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. Displays in the Air Defense Museum were modest and very similar in nature to other military museums in the Hanoi area.

DISCUSSIONS IN LAOS: Meetings were held with Charge' d' Affaires Karen Stewart; LTG Ai, Ministry of National Defense; Vice Minister Phongsavath, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Sean Kelly, *Vientiane Times* Correspondent; and three elder Lao statesmen who are alumni of a Southeast Asian Symposium (SEAS) that was conducted in Hawaii.

1. **COLONEL GAHAGAN'S TOUR EXTENSION:** Mr. Amphone and the DASD discussed the extension of COL Gahagan until May 00. Mr. Amphone presented DASD with a letter in regards to this issue and relayed the message that VFM

Phongsavat would provide detailed information to the DASD during their meeting on December 5. He thanked the Lao government for its willingness to assist the US government concerning COL Gahagan and review of his extension until May 00. VFM Phongsavat stated that COL Gahagan's visa was extended. He also stated that in the future such term limits for DET 3 personnel should be in writing and signed by both parties.

2. **MEDEVAC ISSUE:** Mr. Amphone and the DASD discussed the MEDEVAC issue. Mr. Amphone stressed that Lao law bound this issue and that procedural details as they exist now are the best that can be done. DASD stated that the USG understands and respects the laws and sovereignty of Laos concerning the issues of the MEDEVAC, but was very concerned about the process and that this process could jeopardize the safety of US and Lao personnel. DASD stated that the issue appears to be exiting Laos and not the entry into Thailand. DASD stated that the Lao and US need to find way to resolve this issue.
3. **MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR LAO WORKERS:** Mr. Amphone then discussed payment of medical insurance for Lao workers assisting the Joint Task Force. Mr. Amphone stressed that we dropped the bombs, which made work in the field dangerous and that the US should ensure that Lao workers would be taken care of. DASD stated that there already existed a mechanism for compensating foreign nationals injured in the field when assisting US personnel. Mr. Amphone was asked to formalize his request. DASD expressed concern for three Lao personnel who recently contracted malaria, despite the malarial drugs that had been provided by the JTF-FA medical personnel.
4. **BILATERAL ASSESSMENT MEETING:** Mr. Amphone agreed in principal to a DASD proposal for bilateral assessment of the Lao-US operations since 1983. This would be an operational/technical level discussion covering a wide range of issues similar to the Dalat meeting that was held in Vietnam in the fall of 1998. All three Lao officials agreed in principal to a 10-year bilateral assessment of joint operations in Laos and that such a meeting would cover a wide range of operational/technical level issues. Target date for talks would be in the first half of CY 00. **ISSUES:** Medevac, English training, Unilaterals, UXOs, Lao Team Expansion, OHP, Personnel Cap, Trilaterals, Establishment of Guiding principals, Ops Tempo/process, Border crossings, Accounting, Payment for injury.
5. **MULTINATIONAL CONFERENCE:** The Lao recently hosted seven senior level Vietnamese to discuss POW/MIA related issues. Lieutenant General Ai reaffirmed that there was no need for a multi-national policy level meeting.
6. **UNILATERAL INVESTIGATIONS:** General Ai agreed in principal to train additional military analysts to assist in unilateral investigations. There are 68 cases to be investigated and DASD stated he would look forward to seeing the reports. DASD stated that there was an offer for English training discussed in 1998 and there was no response from the Lao. General Ai requested US funding assistance for English training. DASD stated that he would look into the possibility of developing a

program provided the troops trained worked on POW/MIA issues. When DASD Jones coordinated this increase in Lao analysts with MFA, VFM Phongsavat declared it was an interesting proposal and indicated that he would discuss it with General Ai. The next unilateral investigation period is scheduled for 13-21 Dec. The Savannakhet Province caves would be included in this 6th operation. DASD looks forward to seeing the results of this unilateral investigation. DASD stated that JTF/DPMO would work up new leads to explore the Pathet Lao caves in Viengsay, Sam Neua Province for graves of missing Americans. DASD stated that this was of high interest and important to the American public. He requested the Lao conduct a unilateral investigation in this area.

7. **PACE OF OPERATIONS:** DASD Jones specifically and explicitly raised the USG's concern about the pace of operations in Laos. He stated that at the very best, we expected seven more years of work, and possibly much more. VFM Phongsavat stated that he wanted to have a 10 Year Assessment of Lao Operations with the goal of developing "principles of accounting" in Laos.
8. **INVESTIGATIONS/BORDER CASES:** DASD talked about the good cooperation from the Lao government on Trilaterals, however there was still work to do to make these more efficient such as allowing Vietnamese witnesses from the border areas to cross the border near the loss site to facilitate locating the loss sites. He requested that the Lao expand trilateral operations.
9. **ARCHIVAL RESEARCH:** DASD discussed the excellent cooperation on Archival Research. The USG was still pursuing options for reviewing and duplicating the Lao films. He also stated that the USG was still seeking documents to help in the accounting effort and that continued Lao cooperation would be required.
10. **ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM:** DASD expressed concern about the Oral History Program. Since the start of the program only five interviews have been accomplished. DASD expressed appreciation for the access to and interview with Colonel Sisophone, but requested Lao assistance to reenergize the program. DASD stated that USG was still awaiting response to the OHP questionnaires provided to the Lao. DASD requested a report on the state of the OHP from Mr. Amphone at the next consultative talks in February 00.
11. **UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE:** DASD discussed UXO's and expressed concern about the casualty rate of Lao citizens, which are approximately 200 casualties a year from UXOs. DASD stated that the US provided approx \$1.6 million/year in equipment and another \$750K in escrow for contracting of advanced training. DASD stated that DET 3 has provided a proposal for the safe elimination of JTF UXO hazards to the Lao government. Both General Ai and VFM Phongsavat were aware of the proposal, but requested US assistance in transporting of the Lao UXO team to the site. DASD stated that Mr. Amphone and COL Gahagan should discuss the appropriate course of action.

12. **MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:** DASD discussed the Quality of Life for JFA and Lao support personnel at the base camp. There is parity between the two groups. Lao citizens have access to US doctors and highly trained medics. The Det has established a Trauma center and was flexible in changing MEDEVAC procedures to medevac 2 Lao workers back to capitol. DET also provides medical assistance in the form of MEDPACKS to go home and communications equipment to key Lao officials to facilitate evacuation. DASD stated that the MEDCAP saw over 8600 Lao citizens in FY 99. The Lao stated appreciation for the USG support. Neither official brought up the subject of payment for medical insurance.
13. **CIVIL AFFAIRS LIAISON TEAM (CALT):** This individual, not team, will be in Laos from January to May '00 and will continue special project assessment within Laos. General Ai and VFM Phongsavat requested DASD assistance in communicating the requirement for additional humanitarian assistance to Laos. Both officials discussed schools which were built by the US seven years ago, and are deteriorated and in need of major repair. DASD Jones brought up the fact that the USG now provides over \$12 million dollars in Humanitarian assistance to Laos. The next special project to be built in Laos is a hospital. Request for specific humanitarian program should be directed to the CALT.
14. **FIELD OPERATIONS PERSONNEL CAP:** DASD stated he was on POTUS delegation when US personnel cap was raised to 40. With the current state of operations tempo this cap restriction should be reviewed. DASD discussed the excellent cooperation on field operations. However, there are 438 unaccounted for in Laos, 133 have been accounted for since 1973. The US has leads for two-thirds of remaining 438 cases. At this rate it will take 7+ years to complete operations. DASD sought the Lao assistance in finding more efficient ways to conduct operations and asked that the officials continue to make announcement to encourage Lao citizens to provide any additional information that would assist the US in its accounting effort.
15. **PRESS INTERVIEW:** DASD conducted a one-on-one press interview with Mr. Sean Kelly of the Vientiane Times. Also in attendance was Ms. Elizabeth McKay, USEMBASSY Vientiane PAO and Lt Col Malingowski. This informal interview lasted approximately 25 minutes and covered a broad spectrum of POW/MIA-related issues. DASD Jones responded to questions such as why are you here; do you hold out any hope for live Americans; what continues to drive this issue after so many years; is there a foreseeable end to this mission; DPMO's budget; the approximate cost per ID; is UXO linked to the MIA issue; have you been out in the field; and has the Lao government placed any demands for assistance on the USG. DASD Jones handled the questions easily and also provided information on US MEDCAP assistance to Laos. Both Mr. Kelly and Ms. McKay recorded this interview.
16. **DASD LUNCHEON WITH LAO (SYMPOSIA ON EAST ASIA SECURITY (SEAS) ALUMNI:** USEMBASSY PAO, Ms. McKay, set up this luncheon with two former Lao ambassadors (Ambassador Chaleun Warintrasak and Ambassador Done Somvorachit) and the Director General of the ASEAN Department (Mr. Sayakane Sisouvong) and the DASD. Discussion topics were wide ranging from USG

POW/MIA accounting efforts to the economical situation of the country. DASD Jones expressed his desire to continue to meet with this distinguished group in the future to utilize their contacts within the Lao government to further the USG's fullest accounting message.

17. **LAO ARCHIVAL FILMS:** DASD Jones addressed the issue of converting the "negative films" into positive images. He stated that we are continuing to work towards a solution to this problem and will respect the Lao desire to keep these films in country while undergoing the conversion.

DISCUSSIONS IN CAMBODIA: Meetings were held with Ambassador Wiedemann, DCM Rodley, Prime Minister Hun Sen and LTG Pol Sareoun and the POW/MIA Committee. The following points were discussed:

1. **USEMBASSY MEETING:** DASD met with USEMBASSY Phnom Penh DCM Carol Rodley upon arrival. Ambassador Wiedemann was unable to join in the discussion as he was engaged in talks regarding Child Labor Laws in Cambodia. The following were the highlights of this brief meeting:
 - DASD Jones discussed DPMO's Strategic Plan, the on-going MAA and the draft Case Resolution Policy.
 - Ms. Rodley's only question related to the impact of the Case Resolution Policy on Stony Beach. DASD replied that there would be none.
 - A brief discussion of Stony Beach's future role followed.
 - DCM Rodley remarked that having PM Hun Sen's son, Hun Manet, to DPMO was a "stroke of genius." The Cambodian government, especially the PM, was very pleased with this initiative.
2. **MEETING WITH LTG SAREOUN AND POW/MIA COMMITTEE:** DASD Jones indicated that he was highly appreciative of the efforts of the KOC POW/MIA Committee and provided a positive assessment of how well the committee is doing in respect to the President's Four Areas. He also expressed appreciation for efforts concerning the Mayaguez incident and indicated that identification results should be forthcoming soon.
 - LTG Sareoun commented that only this morning he was with PM Hun Sen who stated that the government of Cambodia must dedicate every possible effort to the American POW/MIA issue.
 - In regards to Koh Tang island, LTG Sareoun stated that they had found a former member of the Khmer Rouge who was present at the burial of several of the American soldiers. He has agreed to assist the JTF during the upcoming JFA. This individual stated that 4 soldiers buried the Americans, but he is the only one still alive. The committee was very hopeful that this witness had accurate information on the grave locations.
 - He did not respond to the unilateral or trilateral talking points.

- LTG Sareoun expressed his disappointment that this conference would not occur on the Four Party-level, but was very clear that he understood the circumstances that surround this difficult issue.
- He stated that he feels very strongly that their continued interviews of the former KR officials will produce some information on American POW/MIAs.

3. **MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER HUN SEN:** DASD met with Prime Minister Hun Sen and was accompanied Ambassador Wiedemann and DCM Carol Rodley.

- DASD discussed the visit of PM's son to DPMO. It was an excellent visit with Hun Manet, and Ambassadors Eng and Ouch recently. DASD expressed that he was honored to host their visit. DASD passed to the PM a small album with photos of the visit to the PM
- DASD expressed condolences at the passing of General Nuon Saret. He was a great man, leader and humanitarian and contributed significantly to the POW/MIA humanitarian mission. The spirit of his work will be with us for years to come.
- DASD briefed PM on the status of the Multinational Conference. DASD talked to the PM about the Interagency Group in Washington, D.C. and the meeting he hosted in July. The meeting included members of our State Department, National Security Council and Joint Chiefs of Staff. The group consensus was that there were not any "policy-level" issues for discussion. DASD stated that during recent talks with the governments of Laos and Vietnam told me that they did not support policy-level discussions as well, but they did support trilateral meetings to discuss operational/technical level issues. DASD stated that we would continue to explore options for conducting operational/technical level talks on issues that relate to making our recovery operations more efficient.
- DASD discussed the recovery and repatriation of remains and discussed the success of the Mayaguez recovery operations. DASD stated to PM that CILHI was on the verge of making several identifications, which would bring closure for many families soon. This is an example of the excellent cooperation and continuing support by Cambodian government. Stated discussed next JFA scheduled for Jan 11 - Feb 10, 2000.
- DASD talked about the Khmer Rouge Interviews and expressed support for government's program to interview Khmer Rouge. DASD stated that any information on U.S. POW/MIAs that comes up would be appreciated.
- DASD talked about the archival research work recently concluded with NGO in Cambodia, DC-CAM. The reviewed documents are potentially useful and

additional French-language documents were identified during archival research. DASD stated that the USG is always looking for other potential documents/repositories that could provide additional information regarding our missing personnel.

- DASD expressed his appreciation for the exceptional support to our recovery efforts provided by the Cambodian government and people. DASD reiterated this point in an appreciative note to the Prime Minister and suggested that both sides engage in discussions to improve the effectiveness of future operations.
- DASD noted that the POW/MIA Committee was going to visit CILHI and JTF-FA in March '00 and offered to facilitate Hun Manet's attendance at these important briefings. The Prime Minister was pleased with this offer.

4. **PRIME MINISTER HUN SEN'S REMARKS:**

- **MULTINATIONAL CONFERENCE:** Hun Sen pre-empted the DASD's remarks by stating that he had personally talked with officials from Laos and Vietnam and found that neither would commit to a press release which announced their support for such an endeavor. He stated that despite this setback he would continue to cooperatively pursue this issue. He was certain that Laos and Vietnam officials would not hesitate to provide information that would facilitate our accounting mission.
- **EXPANDED OPERATIONS:** The Prime Minister stated that his government needed to do more by expanding recovery operations. He also stated that Cambodia needed to expand their cooperation with Vietnam. Hun Sen offered his full support of our continued operations in Cambodia.
- **POW/MIA COMMITTEE:** The Prime Minister remarked that his son, Hun Manet, would be on the POW Committee.
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** Hun Sen offered the DASD his personal helicopter for his use while in country. He invited the DASD to observe the burning of confiscated marijuana.

NEXT STEPS:

- Provide after-action brief to Vietnamese, Laos and Cambodian ambassadors to U.S.
- Begin to develop next DASD SEA Trip for late April/early May '00.
- Develop second Strategic Plan Conference. DPMO lead.
- Monitor Stony Beach activity during JFAs and unilateral investigations
- Move DPMO Case Resolution Policy forward
- JTF-FA to pursue Bilateral/Trilateral meetings in the region

VIETNAM

- Await Vietnamese date proposal for follow-on Remains Study meeting.
- Develop strategy for additional Last Known Alive case reviews with VNOSMP.
- Continue dialog with National Assembly representatives in Hanoi
- Monitor Remains Compensation Issue dialog between JTF-FA and VNOSMP.
- Monitor WWII case investigation/resolution in Vietnam

LAOS

- Continue to push for increased pace of operations and increase in personnel cap in Lao field operations
- Continue to pursue increased trilateral witness participation in Laos/Vietnam border cases
- Develop Bilateral Accounting Assessment Conference for Laos during first half of CY00. JTF-FA lead.
- Follow-up on DASD invitation to VFM Phongsavat & LTG Ai to visit Washington
- Insure Lao Medevac issue continues to be addressed & resolved at the technical/operational level
- DPMO follow-up on English training to Lao soldiers who will assist in JFAs
- Continue dialog with SEAS alumni in Laos
- Continue to pursue the conversion of Lao archival films in Laos
- Continue to pursue Lao Oral History Program and their final report on the results of the OHP questionnaires. Mr. Amphone (Lao MFA) owes response on this issue.
- Monitor UXO plan for Laos
- Push for continued PACOM support of the CALT program in Laos
- Monitor Lao unilateral activity to insure they have investigated the “caves” cases and have provided a report on this activity

CAMBODIA

- Schedule DASD visit to Cambodia in late Jan '00 to observe JFA.
- Follow-up on the interviews of the former Khmer Rouge officials
- Continue to press for additional review of archival repositories